

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Please be reminded that the public, not the corporations, owns the airwaves. The public has a right to expect diversity of opinion and a broad choice of media sources. This is essential to having a free and vibrant democracy. Consolidation to foster the profits of a few offers no benefits to the public, and degrades their free press, and therefore should not be allowed.